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### THE GERMAN NAVY

Man proposes, but God disposes. The kaiser proposed a great navy that was intended to meet England on her favorite battlefield, the sea, and although many millions were spent on it, its growth was arrested prematurely and when the war began the great battleships were glad to take refuge in the Kiel canal, where they have lain idle for four years.

Defeated here, the kaiser, with the advice of Von Tirpitz, turned his attention to undersea craft, and it was expected and even boasted that nothing afloat could live on the surface. The U-boats promised much and the Germans made light of America's entrance into the war, loudly claiming that our transports and supply ships would be sunk as soon as they crossed the Atlantic. A policy of frightfulness was determined upon and the fact that modern submarines could come to this country and return home without revealing, gave alarm in some quarters. When the measure of these sea assassins was once taken, defensive means were begun, and soon American genius had produced destroyers, chasers, depth bombs and other weapons which, after a while, put a stop to the activities of the U-boats and reduced this new menace to a minimum, and soon rendered it impotent. This arm of the German navy having also failed, there was nothing for it but surrender, and as soon as the land forces were disposed of the navy was useless, and is now coming out of its hiding place, and will be turned over to increase the size and add to the strength of the allied sea power. Thus has God disposed of another of proud man's ambitions.

The German navy, in the hands of civilized peoples, will be of great use and benefit in preserving the peace of the world and protecting smaller nations. So far as Germany is concerned it is a dead loss and waste; to the allies it will be a clean gain and a saving of corresponding magnitude.

It was intended to be a weapon of savagery; but, under a wise providence, it will be a bulwark of civilization. In dividing the spoil the United States should see to it that we get our full share of the booty. Great battleships cost immense sums of money, and now that we have become a world power and must protect ourselves and do our part in policing the seas, we will need ships and plenty of them. It will be a sad day for Germany when her great battleships steam out from their haven of security, not to engage an enemy, but to humbly strike their colors to the allies; but this also is a form of retributive justice which the Huns must prepare for. Certainly they will not be permitted to retain anything which would enable them to disturb the peace of the world in the future. The German army will be disbanded, her fortresses dismantled, or in the hands of her former enemies, her country reduced and her people loaded down with a crushing debt which it will take centuries to pay. She will be in no position to make trouble and in the future must observe the rules of common decency and submit to justice and fairness. When a people sin away their day of grace as the Huns have done, they must expect to suffer and make such atonement as lies within their power. Their dreams of conquest, their dependence on forty years of preparation, their impious claim to a partnership with God, have all vanished. No such complete disaster ever overtook an arrogant nation and its ruler since the legions of Pharaoh were swallowed up in the Red sea, and with the rescued people of those days we of today can say: "Jehovah hath triumphed; his people are free."

### SHALL WE FLY?

When peace comes the government will have on hand thousands of airplanes complete and others nearly finished, for which it will have no immediate use. If these can be put to use in civil life it will bring about a great change. The airplane is comparatively safe at the present time. The king and queen of Belgium visited France by this mode of travel, and returned safely. The German empress is reported to have reached Holland by airplane in safety. These planes will be fit for the scrap heap like other junk when the war is over, and if people can buy them at a low figure, flying may become a regular mode of travel and the owner of a touring car will fancy himself chained to a rock when he sees his neighbor go by over his head. Airplanes can be used in many ways beside in hunting wild geese and ducks. For surveying the extent of forest fires, or the damage caused by a cyclone, for delivering mail or parcels, they would be great time savers. Skilled aviators can distribute garden seeds for our congressmen, rolled up in campaign literature. The frozen poles may be reached by a short excursion, and travel that must be done in a hurry. People can see more of each other and know each other better when time and distance are reduced. Man has mastered the air, and he is not likely to soon surrender his empire over it. He is more likely to continue bringing it more and more into subjection. Improvements are sure to be made and in time to come well-to-do families may each own an airplane for their own use, and the hangar where planes are kept for hire may take the place of the garage and the livery stable. We may all have a chance to fly in the near years to come.

### RELIEF NEEDED

Down in the Delta country the people are prosperous and potentially rich, but on account of inadequate shipping facilities they have been practically bottled up by an embargo, and are badly in need of relief. They have not been able to ship out their cotton or their cottonseed, and things are at a standstill. Be the price of cotton high or low it is all the same for these good people: they cannot sell because they cannot ship and deliver, and their products are on their hands and cannot be converted into cash. Some means should be devised for getting this seed and cotton to market. Huge motor trucks could haul it away if they could be provided. The roads are good, at least during dry weather, and a big truck will carry as much as an old-time freight car.

There should be some form of relief forthcoming.

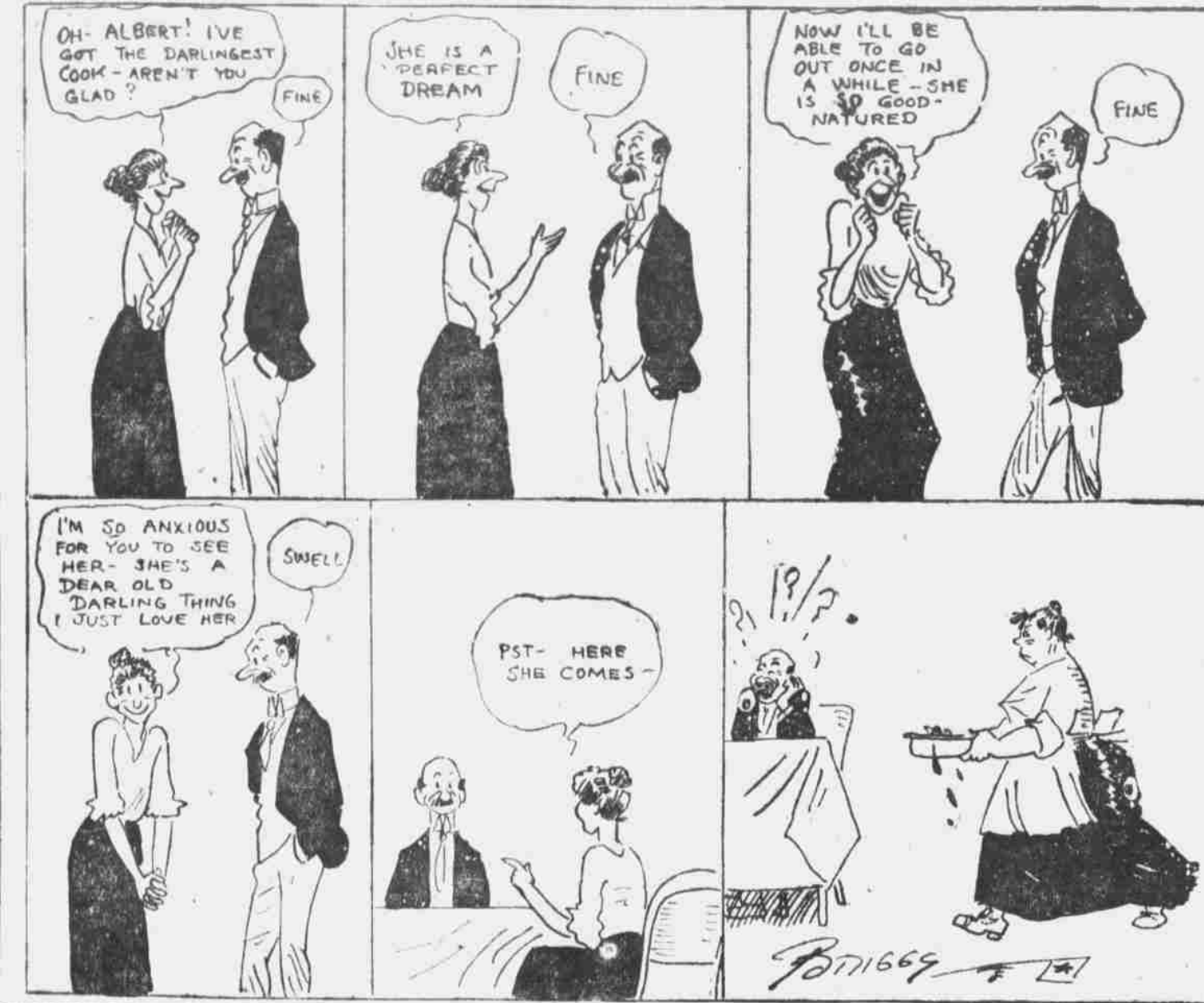
Whatever money was wasted in experimenting with airplanes is gone to join all other spilt milk, and there is no use crying over it. If the profiteers who have it can be made to disgorge, well and good; if not, let 'er go. C'est la guerre.

Is it an oversight or because of a deep design that in all this talk about peace, no one mentions the name of the "prince of peace" from Nebraska, as a suitable person to arrange the terms?

At present prices, it costs less for quinine enough to knock out a chill than it does for a torpedo to blow up a battleship.

## It Happens In the Best Regulated Families—By Briggs

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## Mrs. Wilson Woodrow's Article

BY MRS. WILSON WOODROW.  
The world-famous writer on vital subjects.

"Can a man have power over a girl he only looks at?"

That is the question a young woman has written to ask me, and if I were inclined to be flippant I might reply that it depended very largely on the muscular development of the two, quite regardless of the fact as to whether they knew each other by sight or were utter strangers. The cave-men, as I understand, were not in the habit of requiring a formal introduction before sealing their brides by the hair and dragging them clanking away.

However, it is evidently not physical strength to which my correspondent refers, but a baffling occult or hypnotic power—a sort of mental "corkscrew punch," so to speak, which unerringly sends its victim down for the count.

Her letter continues: "I was strangely attracted by a certain young man a few years ago and cannot seem to forget him. My friends all tell me that this man has me in his power; and although I can't imagine a thing like that to be possible, I must admit that I have tried in every way to get him out of my thoughts, and have failed. I am a very plain girl, not in the least pretty; in fact, quite homely, and I am very sure I have never done anything to draw this man's attention to me. Indeed, the whole affair is a mystery to me."

Should what my friends tell me be true, would you or would you suggest a remedy for this condition?

Suggest a remedy? With pleasure. Here is the prescription: "Get pretty."

Now, a man may not be thinking he able to add one curl to his hair, but any woman, if she will take the time and trouble, can make herself attractive enough to pass for beautiful. And this is true today even of Thackeray's hypothetical woman with a hump on her back and the mole on the end of her nose; for the hump can be camouflaged by skillful coiffuring, and there are a dozen ways of getting rid of the mole.

With an ordinary homely young woman, though, it is merely a matter of studying her points and emphasizing the good ones while at the same time subordinating or covering up the bad ones, which can usually be done by some becoming arrangement of dress or hair, and by giving proper attention to her skin and teeth.

I know a middle-aged woman who a few years ago was a pitiable object—a mass of wrinkles and with a leathery, sagging neck, which looked like that of a puffed chicken—yet by taking herself in hand and rigidly following a system of physical exercises she has achieved a figure like that of a girl, and she is now a beautiful woman. The other day, and could hardly believe my eyes. She looked like a radiant girl.

And above all, insist that you are pretty. No woman in self-defense should ever manifest the confidence that you have set down here in writing. Stand before your mirror and pick out your good features and tell yourself that you are the prettiest girl you know, and believe it.

But what has all this to do with the sinister away of the young man who knows you only by sight? I will tell you. A sergeant having in charge a squad of recruits was drilling and explaining to them the use of the rifle. The sergeant covered instructions both to load the rifle and blank cartridges were being used. At the order to "stand ready," all the men placed themselves in the correct position to await the command of "fire at will." One rookie failed to comply; he lowered his gun and asked, "Which one is Willy?"



## On the Spur of the Moment

by Roy K. Moulton.

### TROUBLE.

Some people think they are in trouble when a tire "blows" or when the vacuum cleaner refuses to suck or when the baby cries at night. Such folk should read the following list of things that happened to a Missouri man, as told by the village bard:

His horse went dead and his mule went lame, And he lost his cow in a poker game; And a cyclone came on an autumn day And blew the house where he lived away. Then an earthquake came, when that was done, And swallowed the ground that the house stood on. And then a tax collector came around And charged him up with a hole in the ground.

Just to show what a war can bring about, we were over at the Greenpoint theater the other evening and heard an Italian chef singing a song in the Greek language. If this isn't grabbing the entire globe by the tail and beating it into submission, we will take another guess.

There are other things which work toward happiness just as much as the habit of churning around with an undertaker opt of business hours.

Atchison, Kan., has isolated itself from the flu epidemic, according to the Globe. "The big bridge across the river has been closed and it is well known that germs can't swim."

One epitaph that will tell the truth: "HERE LIES WILHELM II."

The captain called his company to attention. He wanted to find out about sanitary conditions. He commanded: "All you men who have cooties step forward. Company, HALT!"

"How long will my steak be, waiter?" asked the cafe customer. "About six inches," replied the waiter. "We like to read this old joke over," says the Transcript; "it recalls such pleasant memories. The answer today would be about two and a half inches."

"We had better get our increased prices while the getting is good," say the barbers. "This war isn't going to last forever."

A young lady writes in to find out the best way to become a star. Our expert opinion is that the best way to become a star is to have the play reviewers either praise you to the skies or knock you unmercifully. Either will accomplish the desired result. The only tragedy in theatrical life is to be ignored.

### Now it's certain

Willy Willy Must surrender "Willy nilly."

A correspondent claims that 90 per cent of the Swedish matches that you buy in a penny-in-the-slot machine are "duds." We wish to add only that it is quite possible for a correspondent to be right.



WHEN I went to bed, ON SUNDAY night, I WAS quite sure, THAT SOMETIME WITHIN THE next few hours, THE WHISTLES would blow, AND THEY did, AND WHEN they started, MY WIFE said, "IT MUST be peace!" AND I said: "Yes, "BUT I knew about it, "GO BACK to sleep," AND I lay there, AND BUT for the whistles, THERE WAS a great silence, ON OUR street, AND IT WAS the middle of the night, AND DARK, AND NO place to go, IF I got up, AND MY wife said, "ISN'T it grand?" AND I said, "OF COURSE it's grand, "BUT NOT any grander, "THAN LAST Thursday, "GO BACK to sleep," AND ACROSS the street, FROM WHERE I live, THERE IS a young man, WHO IS full of health, AND HE was yelling, OUT OF his window, AND WITH that, SOMEBODY ELSE, BLEW A great blast, FROM A horn, AND I got up, AND CLOSED all the windows, SO I could sleep, AND LAY there, AND IN a little while, I HEARD my wife, OPENING THE windows, AND I said, "WHAT ARE you doing?" AND SHE said, "I'M OPENING the windows, "I CAN'T hear anything, "WHEN THEY'RE closed," AND BY that time, ALL OF the street, HAD AWAKENED, AND LIGHTS were burning, AND BELLS were ringing, AND THERE was so much noise I COULDN'T sleep, AND I got up, AND FOUND our flag, AND OPENED the window, TO THE fire escape, AND CRAWLED out, IN MY thin nightgown, IN THE dark, AND HUNG out the flag, AND YELLED, AND CRAWLED back in, AND I was cold, AND MY wife made coffee, AND I drank it, AND GOT dressed, AND WENT down on the street, AND SHOOK hands, AND YELLED, TILL BREAKFAST time.

## Twice Told Tales

25 Years Ago. 10 Years Ago.

NOVEMBER 21, 1908. Samuel Gompers today was re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor at Denver, Col.

That King Edward and Britain had been born in a privileged statement of Kaiser Wilhelm, who stated he wanted war and not peace.

Because of ill health, Maj. W. H. Bingham, founder of Binghamton, and member of the county court, has offered his resignation.

Sheriff Frank L. Monteverde will not resign for the office, he announces today.

Both Lenox and Binghamton have agreed to be incorporated into Memphis before the 1910 census is taken.

Up until Nov. 14, 9,626,563 bales of cotton had been ginned in a total of 2,683 ginneries according to government figures for the year.

Misses Eugenia and Eva Manogue have returned from a week-end party at Lulu, Miss.

NOVEMBER 21, 1893. Fire which started at midnight last night in Newbern, Tenn., burned to death three persons and caused \$50,000 loss.

H. S. Simpson, of Dallas, Tex., is in the city visiting his brothers, C. M. and F. M. Simpson.

Work will be started about Dec. 1 on the big car works on the Binghamton tract.

Mrs. S. J. Wells, of Union City, is in the city on a visit to her son, Mrs. S. J. Wells, of Jackson, Ala., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Polk Brewer, 34 Peyton street.

Miss Lulu Johnson, of Carey, Miss., is visiting Miss Julia Jerome, of Chelsea.

R. G. Craig last night was elected president of the Memphis Fair and Exposition association, succeeding J. T. Fargason, whose term expired.

## ALMOST MIRACLE.

A certain stage manager, noted for his ambitious demands in regard to scenery and stage effects, yet who was equally satisfied with the most meager provision, said one morning to the owner of a wooden booth in a small town:

"In the first act I shall require a regiment of soldiers on the right, a posse of policemen on the left, and a crowd of peasants on the bridge in the center. Now, how many soldiers have you?"

"Two, sir."

"To which he composedly replied: "That will do beautifully."

## THEATERS.

**Opheum**  
Carl Jörn  
Distinguished Tenor,  
Formerly of Metropolitan Opera House, New York.

Marie Nordstrom  
—In—  
"LET'S PRETEND."  
W. L. Thorne & Co.

—In—  
"THE NOTORIOUS DELPHINE."  
Other Feature Acts.

## MOVING PICTURES.

**Loew's Princess**  
Continuous 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.  
TODAY LAST DAY  
Pauline Frederick  
In "FEDORA"  
The Strangest of All the Stage's Immortal Heroines, Paramount-Sennett Comedy, "SLEUTHS."

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY  
LILA LEE In  
"The Cruise of the Make-Believes."  
You remember "CUDDLES," the "cute" little girl in vaudeville. She's now the latest successful screen star.  
LOEW'S CURRENT EVENTS  
All Seats 10c Including War Tax.